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Police say pot shop tied to organized crime

MARIJUANA

Limelife owner shocked by raid and denies link to any gangsters

An owner of a Vancouver marijuana store that was raided by police says allegations his shop is connected to organized crime are "absolutely false."

Robert Clarke said he was stunned after police executed a search warrant at his Limelife Society store in east Vancouver on Wednesday afternoon.

"I have nothing to do with organized crime," he said Thursday. "I've never even had a criminal charge in my life. I come from a normal family. I don't know where they're getting their information. They never called me, they never informed me about this. They just sort of ran with it."

Clarke, 32, said he's the sole owner of four Limelife Society stores in Vancouver. He also owns a dispensary in Nanaimo, where he watched the raid unfold on a live security camera feed.

Officers seized about a pound of marijuana and arrested a 25-year-old male employee before releasing him without charges, said Clarke.

He said a female staff member was recently fired from the east Vancouver store after she was caught on camera selling pot to "one or two" youths.

"We have a no-tolerance rule for selling to minors," he said. "I think it was an honest mistake. She forgot to card someone."

> **"I've never even had a criminal charge in my life. I come from a normal family.** Robert Clarke

Clarke said he's in the middle of shutting down the location because of an outcry from the quiet residential community. He said he doesn't know the building's owners well.

Police also raided a suite upstairs that they said was connected to the pot shop but did not arrest any residents.

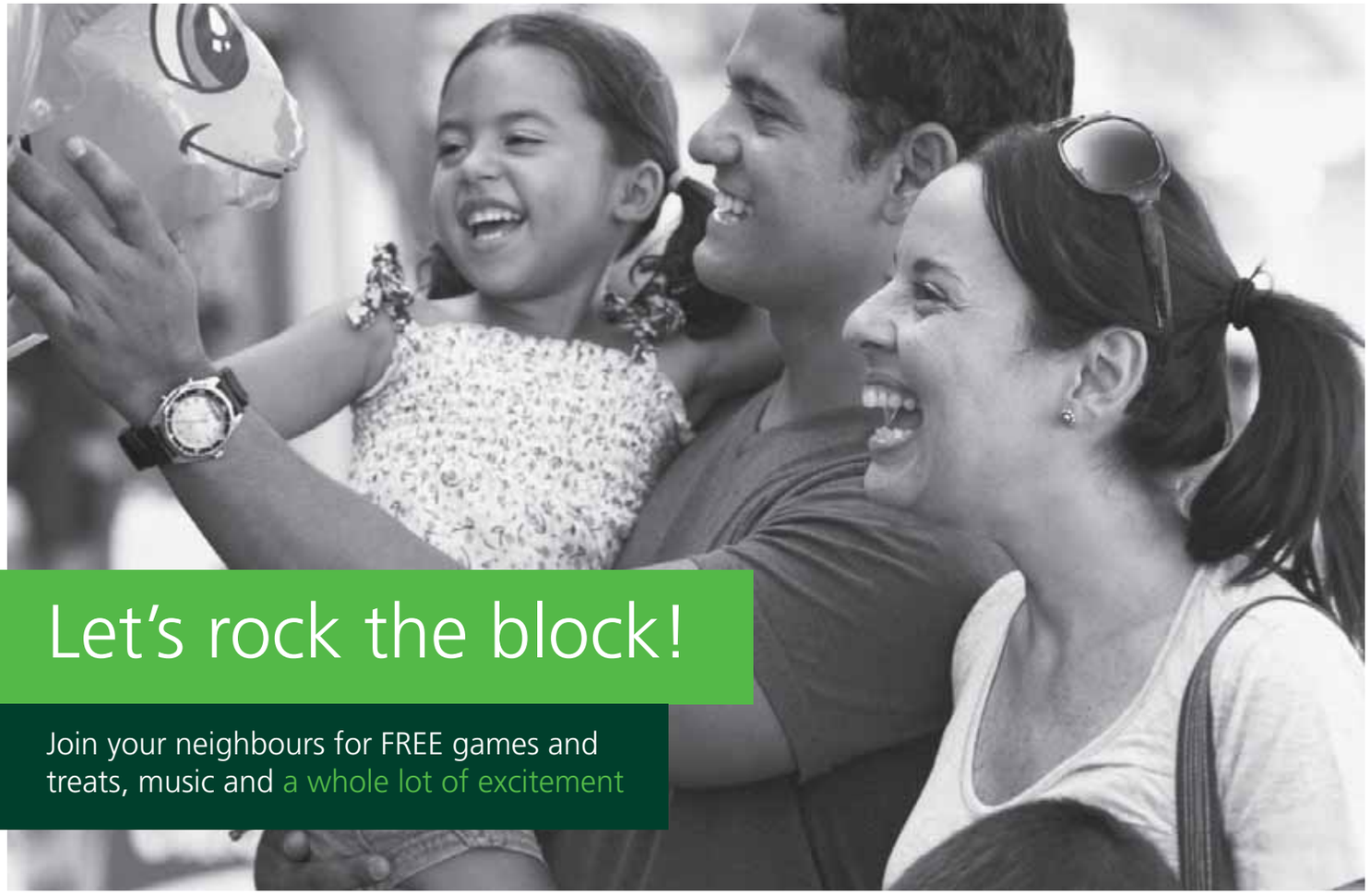
Sgt. Randy Fincham said the drug unit has watched the store for about a month following complaints it was connected to organized crime. He wouldn't identify the gang but said it was a "fairly substantial group."

Fincham said officers quickly determined the outlet was selling to youth and people without valid medical marijuana licences. The investigation is ongoing.

He said police are not investigating the Limelife Society's three other stores in Vancouver.

"We wouldn't group (together) a particular name of a store and automatically target other ones as well, unless we had evidence to suggest that was necessary."

Vancouver recently became the first city in Canada to regulate illegal marijuana dispensaries, requiring operators to pay a $30,000 licensing fee and locate at least 300 metres away from community centres, schools and each other. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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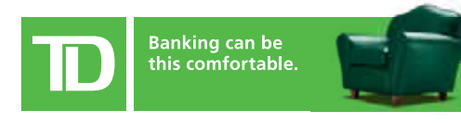

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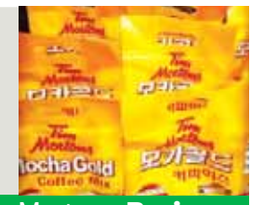

Tim Hortons doesn't have time for Tim Mortons. **Business**

Father battling to keep family's pet pygmy goats

RICHMOND

Complaint prompted order to remove pair of animals

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Richard Simm is fighting the City of Richmond's order to remove his pet pygmy goats, claiming they are more like dogs than farm animals. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

For Richard Simm, fighting to keep his pet pygmy goats is no kidding matter.

The Richmond resident has kept the goat pair, brothers named George and Freddie, for nearly two years in his family's home and backyard, where the animals bring joy to the neighbourhood children.

"It's really quite special how it's brought the whole community together," Simm told Metro. "Literally dozens of people have come by. It's heartwarming."

He said his 10-year-old son Alex is especially close to the pygmy goats and, as an only child, has made many new friends who stop by to feed and pet the animals.

That all came to a halt in June when Simm received a call from the city's bylaw enforcement office that a nearby resident had filed a complaint. The goats had to be removed, he was told.

According to the animal control bylaw, "a person must not keep a domestic farm animal on a parcel with an area of less than 2,000 square metres." Under the bylaw, a domestic farm animal includes a horse, mule, donkey, sheep, goat, cow and any other animal like George and Freddie — except a household pet.

Simm argues the pygmy goats are more like dogs than farm animals. "If you look at the definition of household pets, it's basically for pleasure rather than utility," he said.

Feeling as if he had a strong legal position to defend his right to keep the goats, Simm asked for a 45-day extension so he could consult with a lawyer. But the city refused, only granting the family a 21-day extension until Aug. 18.

Their plight made headlines in recent days when city councillor Ken Johnston became involved, vowing to bring the issue to council in September.

On Thursday, the simmering fight seemed to have come down to a low boil when Simm sat down with a senior city staff member who said they would like to work with the family to come up with a solution.

In the meantime, Simm is exploring his options, including moving, possibly out of Richmond.

"I'm not opposed to investigating how green the grass is on the other side," he said.

RICHMOND

Suspected fentanyl pills seized

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Mounties seized more than 1,000 pills suspected to contain fentanyl during a routine traffic stop in Richmond on Wednesday.

Patrol officers found the drugs after stopping a 2015 Jeep Cherokee near Buswell Street and Park Road around 1 a.m., according to Richmond RCMP.

A 23-year-old man from Surrey was arrested.

Police say the green pills resemble OxyContin and are marked "CDN" and "80," but they are believed to contain fentanyl. They have been sent for forensic testing.

"We are extremely concerned that fentanyl is being discovered in our community," Cpl. Dennis Hwang said in a statement. "The risk involved in taking fentanyl is very real."

Fentanyl has been responsible for an alarming number of recent overdoses and deaths in the Lower Mainland, according to police agencies.

Police are reminding drug users to be careful, not to use drugs alone and to start with a small amount.

A 17-year-old boy died earlier this month after taking what police believe to be fake OxyContin that was laced with fentanyl.

In July, a North Vancouver couple in their early 30s were found dead after they ingested toxic levels of fentanyl in combination with other drugs.

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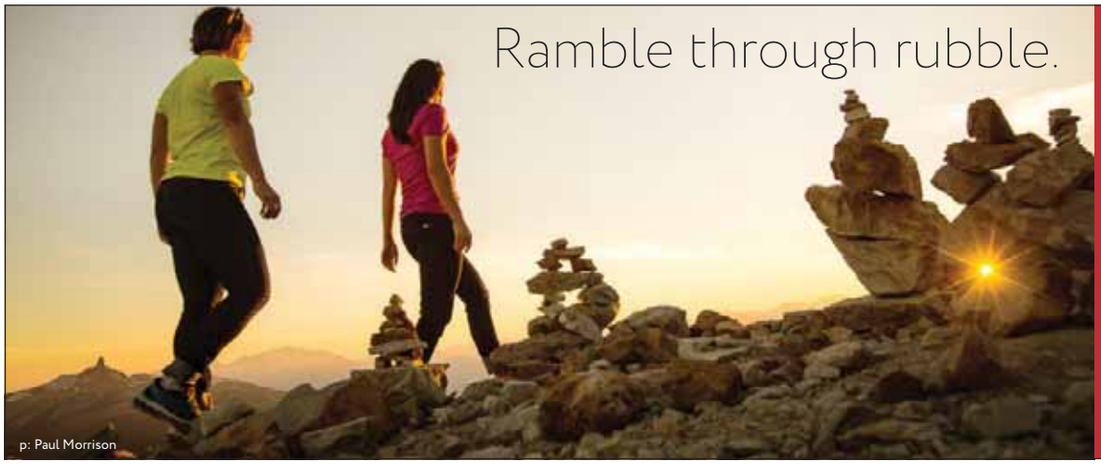

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Zsuzsi Gartner, left, her dog Banda, Penny Street and her dog Sadie walk past "No Tower" signs along Parker Street east of Commercial Drive on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Tower protest sign of things to come

GRANDVIEW WOODLAND

Residents are planning rally against 12-level structure

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

"No Tower" signs are cropping up on lawns in Grandview-Woodland as residents opposed to a 12-storey tower on Commercial Drive prepare to host a rally protesting the project this weekend.

Opponents believe the tower with approximately 200 condo units is simply too large for the neighbourhood, even though it will include much-needed space for the Kettle Friendship Society. The Kettle, which helps people with mental illness and has called the Drive home for 40 years, says it can't afford to expand without partnering with Boffo Developments.

"We've been very clear our issue has never been about the Kettle, it's about the tower. This would be a real intrusion on the community," organizer Barbara Cameron said Thursday. The group believes the Kettle should go back to the drawing board and that the province or federal governments should fund its space.

Meantime, Kettle members feel caught in the crossfire of the development debate.

In a statement on Thursday, executive director Nancy Keough said the opponents are provoking members by handing out leaflets to them, erecting protest signs on city property and holding a protest nearby. "Many of our members are vulnerable, poor and isolated individuals who are feeling increasingly intimidated and stigmatized by these actions," Keough said.

"While we welcome all feedback on the project, we wish that the group opposing this redevelopment would consider the negative impact their ongoing activities are having on the most vulnerable members of our community."

> **We've been very clear our issue has never been about the Kettle, it's about the tower.**
> Protest organizer Barbara Cameron

Cameron said it is certainly not the group's intention to do anything to upset Kettle clients. She also expressed concerns over the theft of some "No Tower" signs. Some of the missing signs, however, weren't stolen.

The City of Vancouver received two complaints regarding "No Tower" signs improperly placed on a city boulevard, according to city spokesman Jag Sandhu. A street-use inspector impounded both signs.

The rally is scheduled to be at Woodland Park on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SURREY

Police issue warning after woman, 70, sexually assaulted

Mounties in Surrey are issuing a public warning after they say a 70-year-old woman was physically and sexually assaulted inside her home Wednesday.

The attack happened around noon, when an armed man entered a home on 28th Avenue near 167th Street, restrained the elderly woman and demanded cash and valuables.

When the woman was not able to meet his demands, the man physically and sexually assaulted the woman before leaving with only a few items, police said.

The woman was able to free herself from the restraints and take refuge at a neighbour's home, where she called police. She is now in hospital with significant but non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

"This is an incomprehensible crime," Staff Sgt. Dale Carr of Surrey RCMP said in a news release. "To prey on anyone is way off-side, but then to prey on a 70-year-old woman is unconscionable."

Police are asking the community to be on alert for the culprit, who is still at large.

He is described as between 20 and 30 years old and between five-foot-eight and six feet tall. Investigators are working to obtain a more comprehensive description, police said.

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SEAWHEEZE

Event attracts global athletes, customers

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Rain or shine, expect to see an influx of incredibly fit people in brightly coloured active wear on the seawall this weekend.

Lululemon's fourth annual SeaWheeze half marathon — the city's largest with 10,016 registered runners — takes place on Saturday morning.

According to Lululemon, more than 70 per cent of the runners come from outside of B.C. from places as far away as Asia and Australia. Only a handful of conferences at the Vancouver Convention Centre are expected to attract as many or more people this year.

And these spandex fans aren't just coming to run — they're coming to drop some serious cash on clothing. Last year the SeaWheeze limited edition merchandise shop at the convention centre attracted around-the-block line ups starting at 5 a.m, selling out in eight hours.

Road closures will affect Chinatown, Coal Harbour, False Creek, Kitsilano, Stanley Park and the West End. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the Burrard Bridge, and parts of the seawall will be closed from 7 a.m. to noon.

SeaWheeze also features events open to the public. There are free one-hour yoga sessions at Jack Poole Plaza at noon and 7:30 p.m. on Friday and a concert featuring Bear Mountain, Yeasayer and St. Lucia at Brockton Oval in Stanley Park on Saturday night. Tickets are $25.

Runners cross the Burrard Bridge during the 2014 SeaWheeze half marathon. LULULEMON/FACEBOOK

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CRIME

Skull 'jigsaw-like,' pathologist says

The fractured skull of a man allegedly beaten to death by his nephew resembled a jigsaw puzzle and his mouth was stuffed with dirt, a pathologist has testified.

Shane Gyoba, 29, has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the June 2014 death of his uncle, Ed Gyoba.

B.C. Supreme Court has heard a witness saw Shane Gyoba beating his uncle with a shovel following a fist fight in the front yard of a home in Ashcroft.

Dr. James Stephen said he performed an autopsy that showed Gyoba died as a result of massive head injuries.

Stephen found five bone fragments and multiple fracture lines on the right side of Gyoba's skull.

"I found 10 or more pieces of this jigsaw-like skull fracture," he said.

"There are multiple fractures at the base of the skull and multiple fractures on the upper part of the globe on the skull."

Stephen said he found eight areas of injury on Gyoba's body, likely the result of more than six blows, likely with a shovel or perhaps a shovel and an axe or a pipe.

He said Gyoba's mouth was filled with dirt before his death.

"I believe there is good evidence he was alive when the dirt was put in his mouth," he said.

"He swallowed some of the dirt. Dirt was found in his esophagus. He breathed some of the dirt. Dirt was found in his airways."

Stephen said he believed Gyoba was likely unconscious when he ingested the dirt.

Gyoba's widow has told court that Shane Gyoba's arrival in Ashcroft 15 years ago turned her life upside down.

Barb Gyoba said Shane Gyoba's father died before he was a teenager and that when he was 14, he moved from Saskatoon to live with the couple.

Gyoba said the accused was on probation when he came to Ashcroft. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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>
> Dr. James Stephen describes the slain Ed Gyoba, whom he autopsied

IN BRIEF

Police investigating nightclub dispute

Police are looking to speak with a man involved in a dispute outside Shenanigans Nightclub earlier this week.

The man is described as white, in his 20s, about five feet, 10 inches tall with a heavy build.

Police called to the nightclub early Tuesday found a 60-year-old man believed to have a minor head injury. He was taken to hospital, but checked himself out.

Hours later he returned to hospital by ambulance.

The man died Wednesday morning in hospital.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slain man identified

David Hennessey, 27, has been identified as the man killed in an altercation at a Surrey, B.C., home.

RCMP say officers arrived to find him suffering from what appeared to be stab wounds. He died in hospital.

A second injured man was found on scene and treated in hospital. He has since been arrested.

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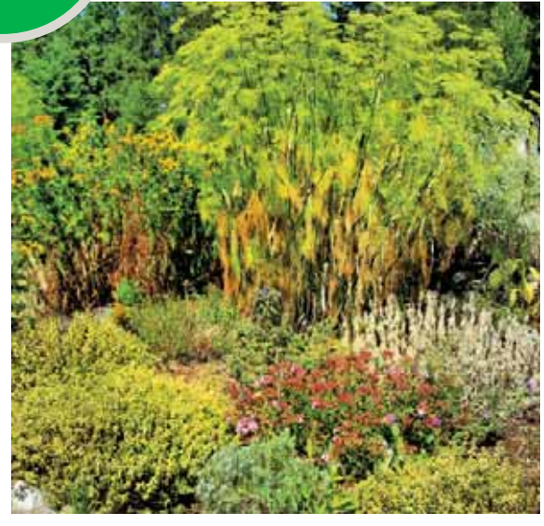

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‘Last chance to get this right’

ENVIRONMENT

Province plans to protect South Okanagan land

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The East Chopaka grasslands are located within one area in the South Okanagan region that the British Columbia government would like turned into a federal park. COURTESY GRAHAM OSBORNE

Conservation groups were celebrating Thursday after the provincial government announced its intention to nominate sensitive South Okanagan land as a new national park.

According to the province’s land protection framework, two areas in the region are worthy of Parks Canada consideration while a third should be designated as a conservancy under the provincial Park Act.

Combined, the diverse areas — home to a desert, grasslands, lakes and more — are home to 30 per cent of the province’s red-listed wildlife species and a tenth of all threatened species in Canada, according to Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society terrestrial director Peter Wood.

Burrowing owl and badger populations are particularly in need of protection, he said.

“This area has the highest concentration of rare and endangered species in Canada, and all in a region that’s the relative size of a postage stamp,” said Wood. “We’re really happy. This has been a 10-year campaign for CPAWS, and it’s the first sign of movement [from government] we’ve had in years.”

Plans to add South Okanagan land to the federal reserve have been afoot since Parks Canada facilitated a feasibility assessment for the area in 2003, but government walked away from the table in 2011 because of a lack of local support.

“No National Park” signs, from residents and ranchers opposed to the plan, had been a prominent fixture along Highway 3 through the area for years.

Since then, Wood said local residents, First Nations, tourism organizations and environmental groups have been building up a “critical mass” of support — though some opposition still exists.

According to the B.C.’s government discussion paper, consultations last year helped it “come to better understand various interests” in the area and move forward with its proposed land protection framework.

Wood hopes government follows through on the plan.

“The threatened species’ habitat coincides with the area most susceptible for land conversion,” he said. “This is the last chance to get this right.”

The province will be gathering public input on the plan until Oct. 12.

BC Parks will then review the feedback and release a consultation report with final recommendations in early 2016.

PIPELINE VS RAIL

Committee doesn’t buy debate

Given the choice of oil transportation via pipeline or rail, Wilderness Committee climate change campaigner Eoin Madden chooses door No. 3.

The Fraser Institute think-tank released a new report Thursday that says transporting oil and gas by pipeline is more than 4.5 times safer than rail.

Despite an annual average of 111 pipeline “occurrences” in Canada, 80 per cent which result in the release of some product, the report says rail incidents are far more common per million barrels of oil equivalent (0.227 occurrences per Mboe compared to 0.049 via pipelines).

“Our analysis of the Canadian data strongly suggests that pipelines are the safer way to move oil compared to railways or roadways,” the report concludes.

Madden, however, said the Fraser Institute report misses the point of pipeline opposition in British Columbia.

“[Pipeline or rail] is a horrendous choice to put before the people of B.C.,” said Madden. “If British Columbians don’t want this oil coming through our communities, it doesn’t matter if it’s by line or train. Telling people it’s either or is completely irrelevant and misleading.”

Madden says neither option provides the province with much benefit in terms of local jobs or economic development, especially at a time when Alberta’s oil industry is in trouble.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

IN BRIEF

Taxpayers bore cost of inefficient data system: Auditor general

British Columbia’s auditor general says the province’s $115-million public health data system is “riddled with deficiencies” and the technology may already be outdated.

Carol Bellringer said the system, called Panorama, has been defective from the start, burdensome to use and needs ongoing maintenance at a cost of $14 million a year. Bellringer is calling for an independent review to assess the ongoing suitability of Panorama, but Health Minister Terry Lake says a review is already underway and the project won’t be scrapped.

Lake said that while Panaroma isn’t perfect, health experts agree it’s the best system to track data across the province.

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Groups begin testimony into whether CSIS broke the law

A lawyer representing environmental groups alleging they were illegally snooped on by Canada’s spy agency can’t tell clients about his testimony in a closed-door hearing in Vancouver.

B.C. Civil Liberties Association executive director Josh Paterson says he’s been barred from disclosing his own testimony to the Security Intelligence Review Committee. The restricted hearing is related to whether the Canadian Security Intelligence Service went too far in eyeing anti-pipeline activists.

Those allegedly spied on include members and volunteers of the Dogwood Initiative, ForestEthics Advocacy and leadnow.ca.

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Tough grilling for Wright

MIKE DUFFY TRIAL

PM's former top assistant cites Bible to justify actions

Nigel Wright, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, arrives with his lawyer Peter Mantas, right, at the courthouse in Ottawa on Thursday for his second day of testimony at the criminal trial of embattled Sen. Mike Duffy. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nigel Wright, Stephen Harper's former chief of staff, denied he secretly gave Mike Duffy $90,000 to repay "inappropriate" housing expenses in order to deceive the Canadian public into thinking Duffy had paid.

Under tough grilling by Duffy's lawyer Don Bayne, who challenged Wright to admit it was all "classic political damage control" by a government determined not to be tarred with scandal, Wright acknowledged the issue was a potential embarrassment.

But on his second day in the witness box at the Mike Duffy fraud trial, Wright insisted his motivation was the public interest. He said he pressured Duffy to repay because he believed it was wrong on a "moral and principled" basis for Duffy to claim senate money for living in what was his longtime Ottawa home even if he had a "technical or legal" entitlement to make such expense claims.

Wright, a deeply religious man who is also independently wealthy, cited biblical scripture when he told assistant Crown attorney Jason Neubauer that he kept his payment secret from all but a few trusted senior PMO and party officials out of a sense of doing the right thing.

"My view is I was helping out, I was doing a good deed. It's sort of Matthew 6, right? You should do those things quietly and not let your left hand know what the right hand is doing," he testified.

Wright said he insisted that his bank transfer of $90,172.24 go to Duffy's lawyer in trust in order to guarantee it went straight to cover the debt owed the public.

"I wanted to make my reimbursement in a way that ensured that all of the funds I was providing … would go to Receiver General and so none of it could be used for anything else," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ELECTION 2015

Grits pledge billions to native population

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau announced his first big-ticket campaign promise today, saying a Liberal government would spend billions to improve First Nations education.

He says a Liberal government would launch a "renewed, respectful and inclusive nation-to-nation process" to close the education funding gap.

With NDP Leader Tom Mulcair away from the hustings and Prime Minister Stephen Harper touting his government's economic philosophy in Saskatchewan, Trudeau found an opening to make a political splash.

He is promising a new investment of $515 million a year in core annual funding for First Nations education, rising to over $750 million a year by the end of the mandate.

He also proposes spending $500 million over three years for aboriginal education infrastructure and an extra $50 million for a fund which helps indigenous students with post-secondary studies.

Harper, meanwhile, is promoting his government's tax-free savings accounts — and warning that his opponents would do away with them and other tax breaks brought in by the Tories.

He said the NDP and Liberals see those breaks as taking money away from government.

"The money doesn't belong to the government, it belongs to you, that's our philosophy," he said.

The prime minister, who has been scrapping with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne over her plan for a provincial pension plan, also found himself in a squabble Thursday with Alberta Finance Minister Joe Ceci. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

While the Mike Duffy trial was still a focus in Ottawa, it had little echo on the Conservative Party campaign. Harper was content to recycle what he has said for months; he thought Duffy had repaid his questioned expenses on his own and when he learned that wasn't so, he took action.
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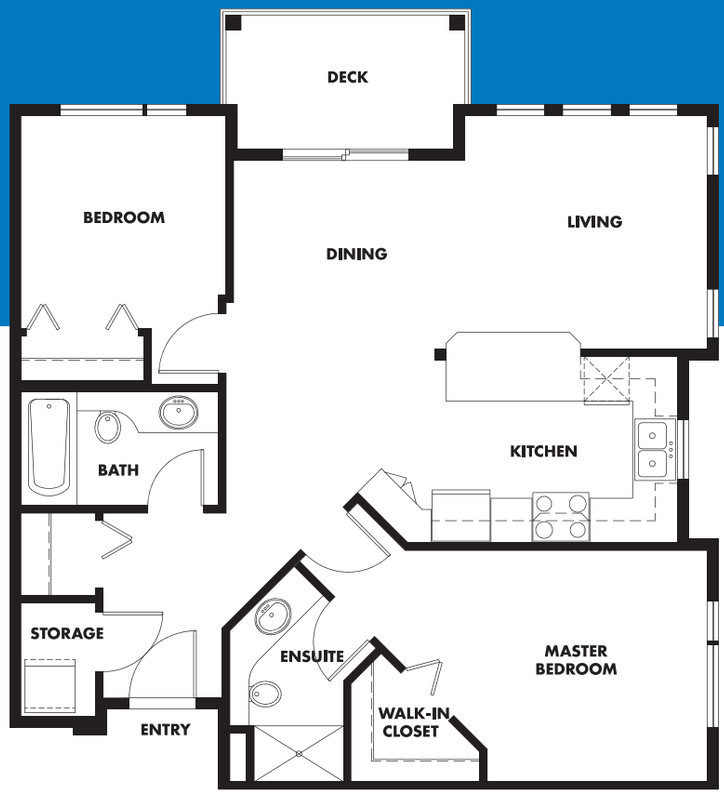

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CHINA

Explosion death toll hits 50

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More than 700 people were injured and dozens were reported missing in the explosions shortly before midnight Wednesday that demolished a workers' dormitory, tossed shipping containers as if they were toy blocks and turned a fleet of 1,000 new cars into scorched metal husks. Windows were shattered for miles around by the shock waves.

There was no indication of what caused the disaster in one of China's busiest ports, and authorities tried to keep a tight rein over information by keeping reporters well away from the site. Social media users complained their posts about it were deleted.

More than 1,000 firefighters were sent to the mostly industrial zone in Tianjin, a petrochemical processing hub east of Beijing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

11-year-old girl gives birth

HUMAN RIGHTS

Paraguayan preteen denied abortion after sexual assault

An 11-year-old Paraguayan girl who had been denied an abortion gave birth on Thursday, the culmination of a case that put a spotlight on child rape in the poor South American nation and drew criticism from human rights groups.

Elizabeth Torales, a lawyer for the girl's mother, told The Associated Press that the minor gave birth to a baby girl via caesarean in a Red Cross hospital in Asunción, Paraguay's capital. Torales said that doctors told her there were no complications and both the mother and baby were resting. She said that her client, the daughter who gave birth and the girl's grandmother had requested custody of the infant.

"The baby doesn't yet have a name," said Torales.

The girl was allegedly raped and impregnated by her stepfather when she was 10. The stepfather has been arrested and is awaiting trial. The girl's mother has been charged with negligence.

The mother requested an abortion for her daughter, but the government refused to allow it, drawing praise from religious groups but criticism from many human rights organizations, including UN officials. Paraguay bans abortion except when the mother's life is in danger.

At the time, the girl was five months pregnant and local health officials said she appeared to be in fine health.

In a statement Thursday, Amnesty International said the organization was glad the girl had come through the birth, but the fact that "she did not die does not excuse the human rights violations she suffered at the hands of the Paraguayan authorities."

While the case did spark some discussion about abortion in the deeply conservative country, the focus of several protests was on better protecting children from abuse.

Many called for stiffer penalties for abusers, and the funding of education programs to help parents and authorities better spot signs of abuse.

Norma Benitez, spokeswoman for the Latin American Women's Commission, said her group would now push the government to provide a safe environment for the girl that includes both her mother and grandmother.

"The Paraguayan state must fulfil its role of protecting children by providing a home and a dignified life" for this family, she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 13-year-old mother holds her one-month-old in May at a shelter for troubled children in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. The girl said she was raped by her stepfather from the time she was 10 and became pregnant at 12. Human rights organizations say underage pregnancies are a major issue in the South American nation. JORGE SAENZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Each year, about 600 girls 14 or under become pregnant in Paraguay, according to local statistics.

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Canadian teacher's conviction quashed

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Canadian teacher Neil Bantleman had his disputed conviction for sexual assault at an Indonesian school overturned by a court in Jakarta on Friday, according to his lawyer in Indonesia and his family back in Canada.

"It's a little surreal still," Neil's brother Guy Bantleman said from his home in Burlington, Ont., Thursday night, after confirming the news via Neil's wife Tracy, who was at the courthouse in Jakarta.

Neil, 45, is originally from Burlington and taught for 10 years at Webber Academy in Calgary before he and Tracy moved to Indonesia to teach at the Jakarta International School.

It was there that Neil and fellow teacher Ferdinand Tijong were accused and convicted of sexually assaulting three students in a case that raised many eyebrows.

The pair maintained their innocence and were supported by fellow teachers and the principal at the school.

Guy said the family hopes to see Neil freed before the end of day Friday in Jakarta.

"It's a three-day weekend in Indonesia, because it's their independence day on Monday, so we definitely want him out today," Guy said.

Neil filed appeals to the Jakarta High Court, and Hotman Paris Hutapea, an Indonesian lawyer representing him and Tjiong, said Friday the court overturned the indecency convictions for raping three kindergarten students, now six and seven years old, at the school, which is attended by children of foreign diplomats, expatriates and Indonesia's elite.

Reporters covering the trial were stunned at some of the unusual pieces of evidence brought against Bantleman, including things like the frequency with which he had sex with his wife.

According to a story in The Wall Street Journal based on leaked Indonesian police reports, one of Bantleman's alleged victims claimed he used a "magic stone" to sedate them.

Hutapea said a copy of the higher court decision has to be taken to the district court to start the process of getting his clients released from prison.

Prosecutors, who could appeal the latest decision to the Supreme Court, could not be reached for comment. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Neil Bantleman prior to the start of his trial hearing in Jakarta, Indonesia, in March. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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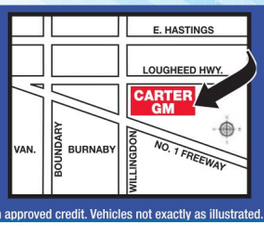

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ECONOMIC CRISIS

Lawmakers wrangle all day and night over rescue package

The Greek government defended its new bailout program in tumultuous parliamentary sessions Thursday, as Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras faced a rebellion in his governing Syriza party ahead of a vote on the deal.

The draft bill for the three-year rescue package worth about 85 billion euros ($93 billion US) in loans includes harsh spending cuts and tax hikes that Tsipras has said he has no option but to implement.

Lawmakers wrangled over the bill for about nine hours in an acrimonious parliamentary committee debate that began in the morning, with delays arising from amendments submitted to the original bill and procedural objections by those opposing the measures.

Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos stressed the urgency of the vote, with eurozone finance ministers to discuss the deal at a meeting Friday afternoon in Brussels.

Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos, right, and Economy Minister Giorgos Stathakis attend a committee meeting in Parliament Thursday. YANNIS LIAKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As the debate in parliament was set to last most of the night, with a vote early Friday, Tsipras spoke on the telephone late Thursday to French President Francois Hollande and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Despite the repeated delays in Greece, lawmakers in Finland authorized the country's prime minister to finalize Greek bailout negotiations on behalf of his country — an indication that eurozone lenders were moving toward finalizing the deal.

The Syriza rebellion has left Tsipras dependent on opposition votes in parliament to pass legislation, and the bill is expected to win approval comfortably. Hundreds of anti-austerity protesters marched through Athens in anticipation of the plenary debate Thursday evening.

Tsipras' radical left party won elections in January on promises to repeal similar budget austerity imposed in return for Greece's two previous bailouts. His about-face, agreeing this week to tough terms with creditor negotiators from the European Central Bank, European Commission and International Monetary Fund, has led to outrage among hardliners that now threatens to split the party.

Former energy minister Panagiotis Lafazanis, a Syriza hardliner who lost his cabinet position last month after voting against another bailout-related bill, took a step toward a full split with his party Thursday, joining a group of another 12 left-wing politicians announcing they will create a new anti-bailout movement. He stopped short, however, of saying he was leaving his party.

The internal party problems have increased speculation, fanned by some Syriza members themselves, that Tsipras might have to call early elections as soon as September.

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IN BRIEF

Tesla selling stock to raise $500 million in cash

Electric car maker Tesla Motors said Thursday it hopes to raise around $500 million US in a stock offering that comes as it prepares to roll out its highly anticipated third vehicle, the Model X SUV, in a few weeks. Tesla will offer 2.1 million shares. Tesla said it needs the cash to further development of the Model 3, a lower-cost electric car due out in 2017.

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Facebook kicks out Harvard intern

A Harvard University student has lost his internship at Facebook after he launched an app that exploited privacy flaws on Facebook Messenger. Aran Khanna's app showed that users could pinpoint the exact locations of people they were talking to. He posted the app from his dorm room in May and says 85,000 people downloaded it. Facebook was launched from a Harvard dorm room in 2004.

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CORPORATE EARNINGS

Canadian Tire profit and revenue edge up

Canadian Tire Corp. says its net income for the second quarter rose to $186.2 million, or $2.15 per diluted share.

That was up from $178.9 million or $2.12 per diluted share in the second quarter of 2014 but below analyst estimates.

The company's total revenue was $3.26 billion, up $91.6 million or three per cent from last year and about $7 million above the consensus estimate.

Nearly $3 billion of the total was generated by Canadian Tire's retail segment, which includes Canadian Tire, SportChek and Mark's banners.

Most of the retail segments showed increases from last year but revenue from petroleum sales dropped 13.8 per cent to $463.5 million, from $538.0 million as lower fuel prices outweighed higher volume.

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TIM HORTONS

Knock-off coffee riles chain

'Tim Mortons' coffee bags in the Dongdaemun Market district in Seoul, South Korea.
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Tim Hortons says it's taking action to combat knock-off products such as the "Tim Mortons" instant coffee spotted in South Korea this week.

Canadian Mike Elgar posted a photo of bags of Tim Mortons Mocha Gold Coffee Mix on Instagram on Sunday. He found the 'Tim Mortons" coffee packages in the Dongdaemun Market shopping district in Seoul, South Korea.

The fraudulent coffee uses a logo that is nearly identical to that of the coffee chain.

Tim Hortons spokeswoman Michelle Robichaud said the company is thrilled to see that its brand is recognized all over the world, but added that the company will be vigilant in protecting its intellectual property.

Robichaud said the company will take the steps necessary to protect its trademark but did not specify what those might be. Tim Hortons has no outlets in South Korea.

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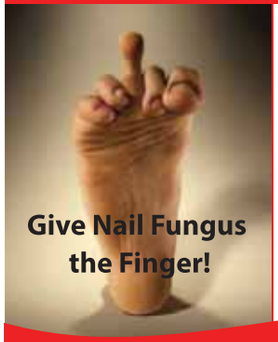

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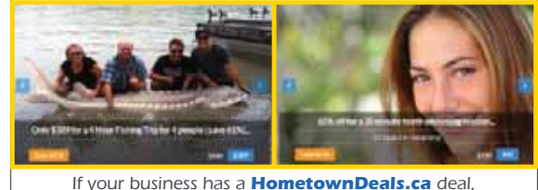

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HOUSING

Risk of correction low in Vancouver: CMHC

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has added Toronto to its list of troubled housing markets, saying that rapid price growth and overvalued home prices put it at high risk of a correction.

Toronto joins Regina and Winnipeg, which the mortgage insurer placed in the high risk category back in April. At the time, Toronto was only labelled as facing a moderate level of risk due to overvaluation.

Vancouver — one of the country's priciest real estate markets — has been deemed low risk, even as home prices continue to soar. The benchmark price of a detached home in metropolitan Vancouver hit $1.1 million in July, up 16.2 per cent from a year ago, the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver said last week.

"I think a lot of the reason for concern with respect to Vancouver is the tendency to equate high price levels with overvaluation," said Bob Dugan, CMHC's chief economist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON WHEN CLEAN IS A BAD THING

If we exfoliate everything 'bad' from our lives, how will any of us know how to deal with bad things when they happen?

While it might be a good idea to use antibacterial soap between touching one of those bars on the subway and licking your hand, it's well known that overuse of such products is actually bad for us. Exposure to some bugs is good for the immune system. Plus, germs see the soap as a challenge to ensure their next generation will be soap- and antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

Which makes me wonder about what is increasingly an antibacterial approach to our society's emotional well-being.

This week, 40,000 Canadians signed a petition to have the American "pickup artist" Roosh V banned from the country. Though I understand why we'd want to limit our contact with someone who lectures men on how to improve their "intimate relationships with women" (eww) when he isn't blogging about how rape on private property should be legalized, I'm kind of glad the petition failed. Sure, Roosh V, whose name sounds like a strain of bacteria, is a disgusting pig, but I think exposure to him does us good.

If we try to exfoliate everything that is "bad" from society, how will any of us know how to deal with bad things when they happen? As a chubby tween, I endured some mild bullying in middle school. While I could have used less of that, the experience equipped me with coping mechanisms, such as the art of the witty retort, as well as the knowledge that life can suck, especially when someone pees in your gym shoes.

I'm not pro-bullying, but I do believe bullies will always exist — haven't you read The Lord of the Flies? — and it's naive to think you can create a culture free of them.

Roosh V is a bully, and banning him would not have taught him any lessons or done us any favours. In fact, he might have seen it as a challenge ("Not only do women not want to have sex with me, now they try to ban me from countries") to turn from a mere misogynist into an outrage- and activism-resistant super-misogynist. The super-misogynist is dangerous. Instead of love, his heart is full of insecurity, misguided hatred and traces of Viagra. He's found in the corner of a party, offering backhanded compliments to a woman he is trying to bed. ("You're hot. It's too bad your face isn't a little prettier"). He's like a regular misogynist, but wears a cape with a logo of a barefooted pregnant woman and shoots darts at Malala Yousafzai's face.

I say invite people like Roosh V into our "body" so that our "immune system" can wear them down. Take this past weekend, after Roosh V's lecture in Montreal. A group of women followed him, called him names and doused him in beer. There's a video online if you (like me) think there's nothing sweeter than watching a bully get lightly bullied.

Roosh later tweeted about having been assaulted by a "Montreal feminist," but I call her an "antibody."

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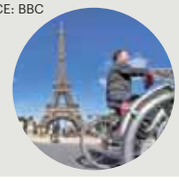
Happy face / Sad face

From **turtle thieves** to **safer streets,**
Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Cyclists allowed to run red lights with relish

The City of Light is notorious for showing no love to those on two wheels. Cyclists contend with aggressive drivers who fail to signal and who stop in the middle of the road to pop out for a baguette. Bikers respond by blazing through red lights with impunity. Instead of cracking down on this, Paris is installing signs at 1,800 intersections informing cyclists they're free to sail through red lights to go straight or turn right. While critics may cry favouritism, officials hope more people will bike if they're not afraid of being caught beside trucks and buses as they wait for lights to change. SOURCE: BBC



A viral victory very long-awaited

If you've ever known a toddler with a nasty cough the doctor says is "just a virus," you've likely seen respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It sweeps through daycares and old-age homes every winter, and there's little treatment or prevention. But that could change. After 50 years of flops, scientists at Oxford University have published the first successful RSV-vaccine trial in humans, raising hopes that medicine can quash one more ubiquitous and dangerous germ. SOURCE: SCIENCE

Poachers take a terrible toll on turtles

A shell-shocked community on Mexico's southern coast is battling sea turtle poachers. Olive Ridley sea turtle eggs sell for $1 US each, and thousands are buried along Oaxaca's shores. The beaches were once protected 24/7 by marines — but they were called away in 2014 to help deal with Mexico's escalating drug war. The result: Heartbreaking video footage of poachers raiding turtles' nests. Environmentalists say 80 per cent of the threatened species' eggs are being stolen. SOURCE: REUTERS

Messenger intern's mischief managed

He solemnly swore he was up to no good ... and Facebook agreed. Harvard whiz-kid Aran Khanna had his internship offer from the social-media giant rescinded after he built an extension that tracked his friends' locations on a Harry-Potter style "Marauder's map." He used Facebook Messenger's location data, which is not hard to find if you know where to look. Facebook said he violated the code of ethics, but subsequently disabled automatic location-sharing. The company wasn't charmed by Khanna's insistence he was trying to highlight privacy issues. SOURCE: PC MAG

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If a shooting is targeted, it's not any less tragic

A man and a woman were shot dead in a nightclub in Toronto on Aug. 4. They were killed at the after-party for Drake's OVO Fest, and the story has led newscasts all week.

The first question I had was this: Was it random?

I'm always hoping it's not. If it's targeted, I feel safe. If it's targeted, it's also less tragic in the eyes of the media and the public. When two people are shot — one a target, one not — this is made sharply clear.

Ariela Navarro-Fenoy has been mourned as an "innocent bystander" in the press, Duvel Hibbert deemed an "intended target" — as if a target can't be innocent.

There are reasons I'm more calmed by targeted shootings, and it goes back to evolutionary theory, said Pamela Rutledge, a professor of media psychology at Fielding Graduate University in California.

"We have a biological imperative for survival, for safety," she said. We want to know that the world is not chaotic, "which of course it is."

If someone was a target, that means we're safe. "We don't have to be so afraid. And we can then intellectualize: 'We have too much violence in society,' and that kind of thing," Rutledge said.

We look for things — most often people — to blame. "The more we put the blame on the victims, the less we need to worry about uncertainty."

We tell all kinds of stories to distance ourselves from our own sense of fear, Rutledge said. Simplistic stories. Stories like: Hibbert had a criminal record, and so maybe he had it coming, and Navarro-Fenoy, innocent damsel though she was, put herself in harm's way by going to a nightclub where drug dealers hang out.

The stories are not about the root causes of the drug trade, or about race or poverty. They are not about why someone might decide to deal drugs. Or join a gang. Why they would enter a dangerous world like that.

Yesterday, Hibbert's mother gave a statement: "No one deserves to die this way, under any circumstances. As a family, we're struggling to understand what happened at the club that night, and how our son could die so tragically."

He was 23. Navarro-Fenoy was 26. No, neither of them deserved to die like that. Not someone who goes to nightclubs, not someone charged with drug-trafficking offences.

Rutledge said there's no point beating ourselves up for reacting instinctively and, at first, for blaming the victims. But there is also no real justification to stay in that primal place. We know better.

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Under the N.W.A. gangsta hood

STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON

Biopic follows rise and fall of hip-hop's rebels

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Straight Outta Compton is the legendary album by gangsta rap group N.W.A, released Aug. 8, 1988. It's a sonic blast that plays, as Rolling Stone said, like a "bombastic, cacophonous car ride through Los Angeles' burnt-out and ignored hoods." It became the first platinum album to reach that status with no airplay or major tours and now it's also the title of a biopic that documents the group's beginnings and turbulent history.

Writing for theverge.com, Lizzie Plaugic observed, "It's impossible to talk about N.W.A without talking about South Central LA in the late 1980s." Infected by crack and gang violence, the area was so rough the LAPD created a special unit known as CRASH — Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums — and it was these surroundings that helped birth the ferocious beats of Straight Outta Compton and a genre known as gangsta rap.

Music is unavoidably influenced by the surroundings of those who make it and music biopics have always been quick to use location as a shorthand to help the audience understand how and why musicians produced the music they did.

Just as South Central sets the scene for Straight Outta Compton, Manchester's drug-fuelled "Madchester" club scene of the late 1980s and early '90s informs 24 Hour Party People and the mean streets of Brooklyn set the stage for the meteoric rise of rapper Notorious B.I.G. in the 2009 film Notorious.

There is no shortage of John Lennon or his birthplace on celluloid. There are five official Beatles movies, documentaries like The U.S. vs. John Lennon, a 2006 movie that focuses on Lennon's transformation from musician into antiwar activist, and even experimental short films like the John and Yoko shorts Two Virgins and Apotheosis. Portrayed by everyone from Paul Rudd (in Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story) to Monty Python's Eric Idle, rarely has any actor captured both Lennon's rebelliousness and vulnerability as Aaron Taylor-Johnson does in Nowhere Boy, the story of the musician's formative years.

Taylor-Johnson, recently seen in blockbusters like Avengers: Age of Ultron and Godzilla, is aided in his performance by a gritty portrait of Lennon's lower-working-class neighbourhood in Liverpool, England. You can almost smell the bangers and mash coming off the screen and the vivid Merseyside backdrop provides subtle clues about the man Lennon would become.

Set back when you could still drink a bottle of stolen booze in the shade of the Hollywood sign without being arrested for trespassing, The Runaways focuses on two glue-sniffing, glam-rock obsessed tough girls named Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning). Disaffected SoCal teens, they see an exit from their mundane suburban lives through rock 'n' roll. Unfortunately their ticket out comes in the form of impresario Kim Fowley, a record producer and self proclaimed "King Hysteria." He cobbles together the band, trains them to be rock stars, convinced that they will "be bigger than the Beatles." Before they can play Shea Stadium, however, the band breaks up — knee deep in ego, drug abuse and bad management. Set in and around the Sunset Strip's late 1970s seedy underbelly, the movie perfectly captures the sun-dappled decadence that illuminated the time.

In the movies, like real life, it's about Location! Location! Location!

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Straight Outta Compton ★★★★
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Corey Hawkins as Dr. Dre in Straight Outta Compton. JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

No one in my family read my teenage diary, because the first page of it says: 'Please close this if your name is not Jessica R. Allen.'

The trouble with committing private thoughts to paper is that someone is bound to read them.

In The Diary of a Teenage Girl, the film based on the graphic novel set in the '70s that opens in select theatres on Friday, 15-year-old Minnie (Bel Powley) writes about losing her virginity in her diary. Her mom Charlotte (Kristen Wiig) reads the entry. Ouch.

But the hits just keep on coming: Minnie lost her virginity to her mom's 35-year-old boyfriend (Alexander Skarsgård.)

No one in my family read my teenage diary, because the first page of it says: "Please close this if your name is not Jessica R. Allen. I will discontinue my relationship with anyone who attempts to read this. You have been warned."

Also, I wrote things like "One rose with a 100 thorns is life." Nobody wants to read that. Or this: "Captive/Slave to my emotions/So far to fly/ So far away/But it feels so close/Time to fly"

But the diary occasionally comes in handy. For example, I know that I got my braces off on Halloween,1990; I dropped $50 on LPs for my dad's birthday in 1991; and a few months after that I was "still going out with Todd."

God, that's such a good name for a high school boyfriend, isn't it? "Todd." Anyway, things seemed to have taken a turn for the worse on Todd's birthday. It was "a nightmare."

THE MOVIE: The Diary of a Teenage Girl

THE MEAL: Steak Frites

Why? "First, his outfit didn't match and we were going to a fancy restaurant" — The Olive Garden? "Second, he wasn't hungry, and third, he complained the whole night."

"Wow," I wrote, "he sure knows how to show a girl a good time."

Things have certainly changed: Not only have I abandoned the practice of signing each journal entry with my signature — like I was signing a cheque — I've also been in a 11-year-long relationship with a well-dressed man who is always hungry.

Simon, who thinks he lives in a Ralph Lauren catalogue complete with yachts, ranches and safaris, may care more about fashion than I do. But when it comes to dinner decisions, he concedes to me.

After a weekend of assembling Ikea wardrobes, we went to The Ace, our favourite local restaurant, for Sunday night dinner. He wanted the fried chicken. I couldn't decide between that and the steak frites. Possessed by a moment of genius, I ordered the steak frites for us to share as an appetizer and we both had the chicken for our mains.

I wrote about the furniture assembly victory in my journal and recorded the great meal and eccentric shirt via a time-stamped, geo-located photo. And yet I still don't know how young people today manage the compulsion to keep public diaries via social media.

But I do know this: Minnie, it gets better.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

MOVIE BRIEFS

Brian De Palma wins prestigious Venice Film Festival award

Brian De Palma will receive the Venice Film Festival's Jaeger-LeCoultre Glory to the Filmmaker 2015 Award, dedicated to filmmakers who've made an outstanding contribution to cinema.

The director has had a long and successful career, directing many famous and award-winning movies such as Scarface, The Untouchables and Carlito's Way. He has previously shown seven films at the Venice Film Festival and has directed more than 30 over his career.

He will be presented with the award on Sept. 9 in the Sala Grande. The presentation will be followed by the world premiere of the documentary De Palma, a chronicle of the filmmaker's life, directed by Noah Baumbach and Jake Paltrow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEXUALITY

Not for your pleasure

When you make a film where a 15-year-old girl sleeps with her mother's 35-year-old boyfriend, a few things are certain: You're going to make some people uncomfortable and you're going to get feedback. A lot of it.

But first-time director Marielle Heller knew what she wanted for The Diary of a Teenage Girl, out Friday, and it didn't involve ensuring people pleasing.

Heller's adaptation of Phoebe Gloeckner's graphic novel looks at teenage sexuality from the point of view of the teen. There's no judgment, just the story of aspiring artist Minnie Goetze (Bel Powley), a 1970s San Francisco teen with a neglectful, hard-partying single mother (Kristin Wiig) and a yearning for self-actualization. When her mom's boyfriend Monroe (Alexander Skarsgård) opens the door to an intimate encounter, Minnie jumps right in.

Even the first line of the film proved controversial to some: "I had sex today."

"Most movies would have spent the first 30 minutes getting to know the character before she had sex," Heller said.

Many advised Heller to consider that approach.

"For Minnie, that's where this chapter of her life begins," she said. A long intro would have only been there to satisfy screenwriting conventions and to coax audiences into the story.

Scene from The Diary of a Teenage Girl. HANDOUT

People also suggested standard Hollywood plot contrivances, like having Minnie end up with a boy her own age in the end, which wholly contradicted the point of the story. This was a story about Minnie's journey to self-acceptance outside of male validation, she thought.

"We're in a place where for so, so, so long men have been controlling movies," Heller said. "I'm not saying it's some major, master, malicious plan, but I do think there is a serious lack of comfort when it comes to talking about young women and their sexuality."

It was a blessing then that Heller found a financier — Caviar — who gave her the freedom to execute her vision, even if it was on a shoestring budget with lots of help from friends and family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powley and Skarsgard play forbidden lovers in Heller's The Diary of a Teenage Girl. HANDOUT

Teen love and losing it on the big screen

SEX SCENES

Powley plays a young girl on the verge of womanhood

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Bel Powley and Alexander Skarsgard are sitting on a bed. It's appropriate, in a mildly weird way. In their indie dramedy The Diary of a Teenage Girl, the film they're here to talk about, they play, respectively, Minnie, a teenager in first blush with her sexuality, and Monroe, her mother's boyfriend, with whom she is sleeping. (The mother is played by Kristen Wiig, who is not present.) They have the kind of goofy rapport that comes with actors who've had to fake intimacy through real trust.

"I'd never done a sex scene onscreen before. Alex was my first onscreen kiss," Powley says, dispensing a laugh Skarsgard shares. "He took my onscreen virginity."

Powley, a young British actress with the usual English TV and theater experience, found herself transplanted to America, specifically 1976 San Francisco, making a film that could be uncomfortable for all but wasn't. Part of the potential discomfort was the graphic sex, but part of it was also working with a first-time filmmaker, Marielle Heller, with a deep history with the project. Based on Phoebe Gloeckner's graphic novel-cum-diary, it was something Heller had already turned into a stage production, in 2010, herself starring in Powley's role.

"This had been her baby for eight years," Skarsgard explains. "But there was no ego involved at all. She was collaborative. She encouraged us to take control of our characters."

As for Powley, she found herself in the unusual position of playing the very character once portrayed by the person directing her.

"People always have to remind me of that. I forgot," she confesses. "It was never Marielle saying, 'Oh, when I did it I did it like this.' I was never worried I was emulating her version of Minnie."

Though the role called on Powley to do some uncomfortable firsts, Skarsgard wasn't off scott-free. He had to play a 35-year-old sleeping with a) a high-schooler and b) his girlfriend's daughter.

While The Diary of a Teenage Girl arrives in a climate that seems more receptive to having conversations about women's issues as well as sexuality. It's still an outlier.

"People don't make movies or talk about female sexuality," Powell says. "They're such taboo subjects. With the rise of 'New Feminism,' it's a very good time to be making a movie about young women wanting to have sex, and normalizing it. It's very important for teenage girls to have that normalized. Otherwise you can feel really ostracized. It can be really damaging."

"If you reverse this, and it's a guy doing all that in a movie, you have to think: Would I judge that?" Skarsgard points out.

"There are so many movies about men wanting to get laid and men being promiscuous and men wanting to lose their virginity," Powell says. "Why not make one about women?"

> **"Why do we try to shelter young women?"**
> Marielle Heller, director

In America, Powley was an unknown before The Diary of a Teenage Girl but she already has films lined up, including A Royal Night Out and Equals. She also made Detour. She's had other offers too.

"The stuff I've been sent has been really good," she says, though she adds, "People sometimes misconstrue when I say I want a strong female role. They're like, 'OK, how about a Marvel superhero?' I don't mean that kind of strong. I just mean a well-rounded, real, fleshed-out person, who isn't just there because of the dude."

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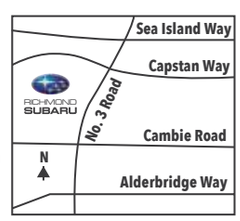

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Son plays father in N.W.A. biopic

INTERVIEW

O'Shea Jackson Jr. has made dad Ice Cube very proud

O'Shea Jackson Jr. was determined to play his father, Ice Cube, in Straight Outta Compton.

Not only does the 24-year-old look like his dad, but he's also got the rapper-turned-movie star's mannerisms and expressions down — something he used to his advantage.

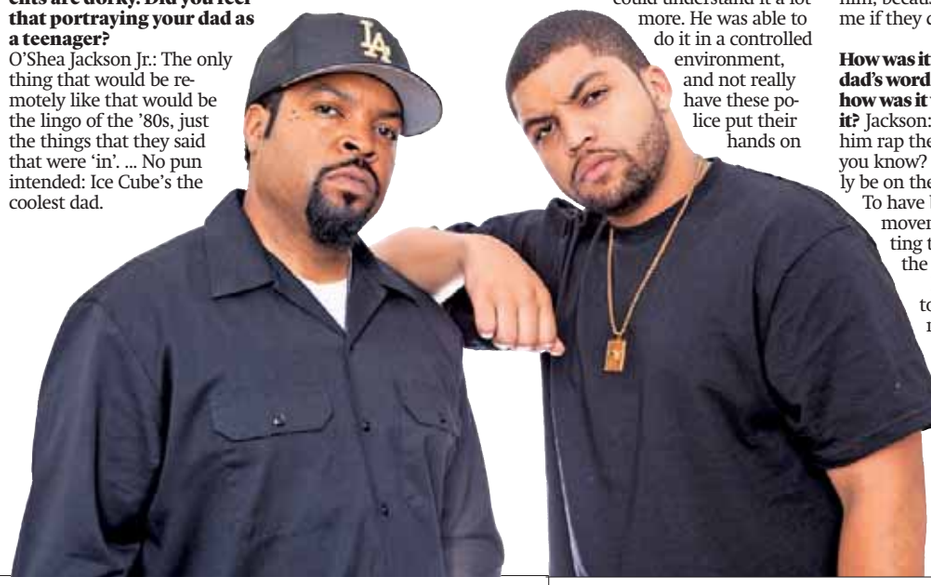
Jackson Jr. makes his acting debut in Straight Outta Compton, opening Aug. 14. The film captures the rise and rupture of N.W.A., the group credited with starting gangster rap and inspiring warning labels on album covers for its provocative, incendiary lyrics. Founding members Ice Cube and Dr. Dre are among the film's producers.

Father and son sat side by side to talk about the role.

What's it like seeing your story told by your son?
Ice Cube: I'm proud on a thousand different level. I'm just proud of the production. I'm proud of the movie. I'm proud of the group. I have never been this happy for any project that I've ever done.

Kids often think their parents are dorky. Did you feel that portraying your dad as a teenager?
O'Shea Jackson Jr.: The only thing that would be remotely like that would be the lingo of the '80s, just the things that they said that were 'in'. ... No pun intended: Ice Cube's the coolest dad.

Was there anything you didn't want your son to know about you?
Ice Cube: Seeing my son getting roughed up by the police is not fun. It brings back memories of when I got roughed up by them. He grew up totally different than how I grew up, and to me, he shouldn't have to go through that. But in a movie like this, and to understand really what we all went through, I'm glad that he did feel the tone of what we went through so he could understand it a lot more. He was able to do it in a controlled environment, and not really have these police put their hands on him, because that would hurt me if they did that for real.



You always want your kids to step up at the moment of truth, and he did more than step up. He just owned it.
Proud papa Ice Cube

How was it rapping your dad's words, and Ice Cube, how was it watching him do it? Jackson: I've been seeing him rap these words forever, you know? So it's cool to finally be on the other side of that. To have been looking at his movements and then getting them down. I had the time of my life.

Ice Cube: We first took him on tour, me and my wife, when he was 1 1/2. ... So he's been around movies and music his whole life. ... Then at 18, he started to really perform with me. So he has a knack for the stage. I've seen him rap my songs before on stage, with me. So to see him do this on the big screen, it was great. I wasn't surprised that he was so good, because I knew how good he was.

Ice Cube, would you ever write an autobiography?
Ice Cube: I don't know. I think I have so much to do. I don't want to have like volume one, volume two. I just feel like I got a whole lot of living to do before I think about summing it up in a book.

What's next for you?
Jackson: I'm working on my autobiography (laughs). I'm definitely ready to get my foot in as far as the cinema.
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Ice Cube and his son O'Shea Jackson. HANDOUT

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METHOD ACTING

Actors bond for real to play trio

To turn three unknown actors into Ice Cube, Dr. Dre and Eazy-E, they'd have to become friends for real.

Straight Outta Compton director F. Gary Gray was looking for chemistry when he cast the stars of the N.W.A. biopic, and he found it in Jason Mitchell, Corey Hawkins and O'Shea Jackson, Jr. The three Hollywood newcomers say they "built up a brotherhood" during the years long process of making the film, and their bond shows on screen and off.

"The reason why the performances are outstanding is because they tapped into what's real," Gray said, "and we created something that was very real for them to access when they performed."

The actors made a rap album together. They spent time with Dr. Dre and Ice Cube, Jackson's real-life dad. They even hung out on set on their days off..

Here's a peek at the other two young stars of Straight Outta Compton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAZY-E

Jason Mitchell

Mitchell is the kind of person who hugs instead of shaking hands and has so much energy he can hardly sit still. He mostly stands during this interview. The 28-year-old actor becomes Eazy-E onscreen, and his excitement and gratitude for the role is obvious. "This is going to change my life forever," he said. He has the most movie experience of the three stars, with previous small roles in such films as 2012's Contraband and 2013's Broken City. But this is his biggest part by far. Mitchell's performance as Eazy, who was 31 when he died of AIDS in 1995, is the heart of the film. Mitchell gained weight, learned to rap and shed his New Orleans twang to play the rap icon. He spent more than a month preparing for the role.

DR. DRE

Corey Hawkins

A Juilliard graduate who most recently appeared in Romeo and Juliet on Broadway, Hawkins was met with playful skepticism when he was first cast to play Dr. Dre. "I'm the guy coming from Juilliard. I'm saying I just did Shakespeare, playing Tybalt on Broadway," he recalled. "I had a moment where everybody was like, 'I don't know if you're going to be able to do this. Do you listen to rap music? Have you ever heard N.W.A. before?"' The 26-year-old learned how to DJ for his role and spent ample time with the man himself — producer-mogul Dr. Dre. "This opportunity just kind of opened my world," Hawkins said.

Being charismatic with a fake accent

ESPIONAGE

Actors get into character using costume and accents

Richard Crouse
For Metro Life

Alicia Vikander, Armie Hammer and Henry Cavill star in director Guy Ritchie's The Man from U.N.C.L.E. HANDOUT

Claridge's Hotel in London is the kind of place you might expect a secret agent to call home. An unassuming entranceway leads into an opulent lobby with lots of quiet corners perfect for clandestine meetings.

It's the kind of place where Napoleon Solo and Illya Kuryakin could do highly classified business over a martini, shaken or stirred.

So, it's appropriate I'm meeting Henry Cavill and Armie Hammer here. They're the stars of The Man from U.N.C.L.E. reboot and the latest actors, after Robert Vaughn and David McCallum, to play super spies Solo and Kuriatkin.

The TV show, which was equal parts camp and classic action, ran from 1964 to '68, made stars of its leads and established high-flying spy cool for a generation of television watchers. Cavill, who plays the suave Solo, however, says he has never seen the show.

"I prefer to operate as a blank canvas," says Cavill, who will next be seen as the Man of Steel in Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice. "If you're trying to make something your own, you're concentrating on the wrong thing. You should be concentrating on the story and evolving the story with your fellow actors and or director. That's what we did."

His co-star Hammer referred to the show partially to craft his portrayal of the hothead KGB spy Kuryakin and partially "out of motivation of fear."

"If I do this movie and someone asked me about the show, I wanted to have an answer to give them," he says. "I basically spent the weekend binge watching the whole show."

He says the new movie incorporates elements of the original show, "so people who grew up with that will love and appreciate it, but it is also a completely fresh take on it. That's what we were going for, to make everybody happy."

Like many spies (and actors who have played spies) before them, both utilized accents and costumes to disguise themselves and disappear into their roles.

Cavill, notes that the bespoke Savile Row suits he wore were the "final pieces of the puzzle" in creating the character.

"The accent informs the way you physically interact with everybody and the suit the contains that."

Hammer learned his accent listening to "old recordings of native Russian speakers trying to speak English, or barely speaking English and picking up little bits of both.

At a certain point with the accent, I'd say after a week or two, it feels natural. You're not spending your time making sure your words sound laboured. It starts to flow out as an accent."

Now playing

ACTION

The Man from U.N.C.L.E

Director: Guy Ritchie
Staring: Henry Cavill, Armie Hammer

Henry Cavill (Man of Steel) stars as Napoleon Solo opposite Armie Hammer (The Social Network) as Illya Kuryakin in director Guy Ritchie's The Man from U.N.C.L.E., a fresh take on the hugely popular 1960s television series.

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COMEDY

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Starring: Cary Elwes

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Starring: Eric Balfour

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"Kids have a blast at Funtopia Climbing. We have courses and challenges for all skill levels," Nikolov says. "There's no judgement here. Everyone's welcome to come and play."

This coming Sunday, Aug. 16 at Funtopia, kids and their families get a rare chance to learn climbing techniques with Canada's own climbing ninja, Sean McColl. Preregistration is now open.

The sport climber from North Vancouver started climbing in an indoor facility like the one at Funtopia Surrey at the age of 10, and has been competing for the past 17 years.

Sean's athletic accomplishments are numerous, unprecedented and unrepeated for a climber from Canada. He won every National Championship he attended between 1999-2005, and claimed five world titles. McColl is the current three-time overall world champion in bouldering, lead climbing and speed climbing.

"Sean is the perfect role model for kids who come to climb at Funtopia," Nikolov says. "No other youth competitor in climbing history has won more titles. This guy knows how to climb, and he's a fantastic coach and role model for kids too."

A large body of research has shown that climbing improves cardio-vascular activity, hand-eye coordination, muscle tone, and helps straighten posture.

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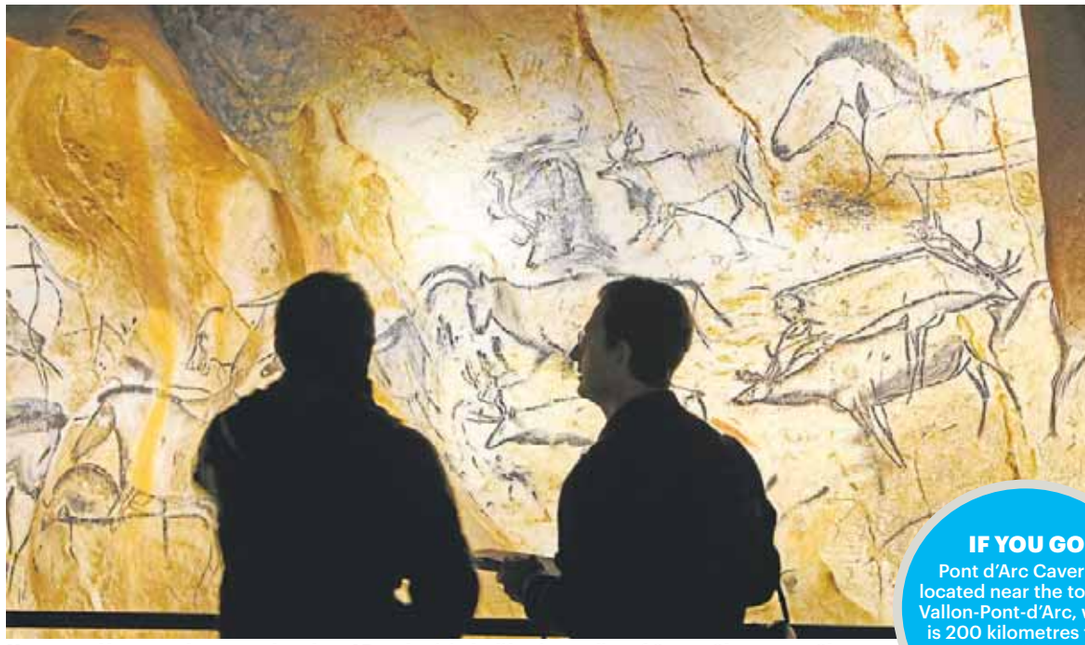
PONT D'ARC CAVERN

Prehistoric paintings recreated from disputed cave

Jean-Marie Chauvet noticed air whistling out from a crack on a plateau in southern France, so he and fellow cave enthusiasts went to investigate. What they found that Sunday in 1994 still fills Chauvet's voice with wonder: an immense cave covered with prehistoric paintings of horses, mammoths and rhinos — paintings so vivid, he says, it felt like the Stone Age artists had just moments ago put down their ochre and walked away.

The discovery of the long-hidden artwork created a sensation, but the site was quickly closed to the public. Just by breathing, tourists could erode the images.

Since most modern humans will never get to see the masterpieces in what is widely known as the Chauvet Cave, scientists, artists and the French government have spent 56 million euros (about $80 million) and several years creating the next best thing: a near-exact replica of the cave about two kilometres away, including more than 400 paintings of horses, bears, rhinoceros and mammoths, hand prints and carvings. Experts even recreated stalactites and stalagmites from the original site, as well as the cool temperatures and thick smell of humidity, in Pont d'Arc Cavern. The site opened to the public earlier this year.



Horses and bears and mammoths, oh my! People visit the life-size replica of Grotte Chauvet, or Chauvet Cave, in Vallon-Pont-d'Arc, near Bollène, southern France, in March. CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

In a rare interview, Chauvet described digging through narrow passageways and guiding a flashlight in the blackness until one of his fellow spelunkers came across "the two lines of red ochre. That's when it started."

"What impressed us," Chauvet said, "was the freshness.... The paintings are as if they had just left, these men, these women" who painted them. "And the deeper you go, the more grandiose. It's really an art gallery."

Questions surrounded the exact date of the paintings, now widely believed to be between 30,000 and 37,000 years old. That means they were the oldest human cave drawings known at the time of the discovery. Since then, scientists have determined that cave drawings in El Castillo in Spain were painted at least 40,000 years ago.

Chauvet fought years of legal battles against the French government over rights to the discovery, and is still seeking royalties. Officials with the Culture Ministry were convicted of falsifying documents to make it look like he was on official duty when he found it; he insists he was on holiday at the time.

Today the site is officially managed by regional and national government authorities, and it doesn't officially bear the discoverers' names, to Chauvet's dismay.

Authorities say they are putting the public's interest first.

Pascal Terrasse, a legislator in charge of the replica project, described being the first government official to enter the original cave soon after the discovery: "We understood that we had to quickly protect it, and ensure that it was never opened to the public" to protect it from "carbonic gases" from visitors, he told AP.

Experts have recorded more than 1,000 images from the walls of the cave, inscribed last year on UNESCO's World Heritage List. German filmmaker Werner Herzog brought the original cave alive in a 3D film, Cave of Forgotten Dreams.

The replica tries to reproduce as much of that as possible. Millimetre by millimetre, scientists and artists used the same tools and techniques believed to have been used in the Stone Age.

It feels strange at first, a bit like an amusement park. But a similar replica — of the 18,000-year-old cave drawings in the Lascaux caves in southwest France — draws about 300,000 visitors yearly.

Organizers hoped for similar crowds at the Pont d'Arc Cavern, despite the remote locale in this striking but little-travelled corner of southeast France.

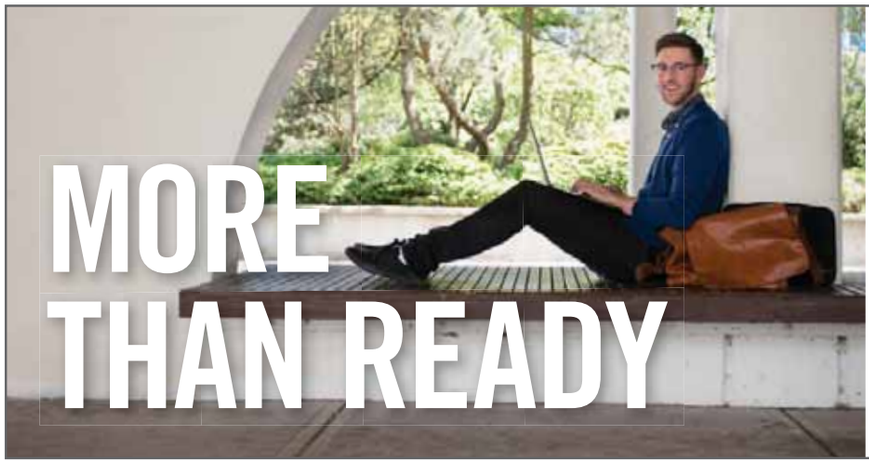
The next step, Terrasse said, could be "a virtual version, 3D, something that could move around" — and bring prehistory to generations looking to the future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IF YOU GO

Pont d'Arc Cavern is located near the town of Vallon-Pont-d'Arc, which is 200 kilometres from Lyon and 80 kilometres from Avignon.

TIME CAPSULE

The paintings in Chauvet Cave were remarkably well-preserved thanks to a rock fall about 23,000 years ago that concealed the site. The conditions kept the drawings in such a pristine state that some researchers doubted their authenticity. "This cave wasn't exposed to gusts of violent air," Chauvet said. "It was preserved, like in a jar."



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Museum, Top Chef's resto highlights of visit to city

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

A recent weekend trip to Saskatoon was a delightful surprise. I discovered an attractive, vibrant city with a youthful, friendly population, hip bars and restaurants, and top-notch museums.

Play

The South Saskatchewan River not only bisects the city but is a focus for people's activities. While kayakers, rowers, jet-boaters and sightseers aboard The Prairie Lily paddle-wheeler enjoy time on the water, the downtown side of the river offers pathways for walking and biking to those who prefer to be on solid ground.

The parks along the river host a seemingly endless series of events. During my visit the music of Erykah Badu and Wyclef Jean performing at the SaskTel Jazz Fest filled the air.

The Western Development Museum is one of the best museums I have seen. The principle exhibit is Boomtown, a recreation of a typical prairie town circa 1910. Kids will love the opportunity to chat with blacksmiths, sit in a vintage car and dress up in the photography studio.

A little further out of town, the Wanuskewin National Heritage Park has been a gathering place of the Northern Plains Indians for 6,000 years. Explore the archeological treasures found along 360 acres of scenic trails or get a lesson in hoop dancing in the Visitor Centre.

Eat and drink

Shortly after winning Top Chef Canada, Dale MacKay convinced several key staff including general manager and mixologist Christopher Cho to leave Vancouver and help him turn a 110-year-old heritage building in his hometown of Saskatoon into Ayden Kitchen & Bar. The vibe is the epitome of hip; I counted seven beards and eight man buns on the staff. The menu is locally focused with a modern flair. I had the charcuterie plate (all the meat is ground and prepared on site) and delicious trout caught from Lake Diefenbaker.

If you are looking for a tipple, Broadway and 10th has some great rooftops and patios for people watching and the slowly gentrifying area around 20th Street has some fun tapas and cocktail bars.

Stay

The Delta Bessborough is a former railway hotel that looks like a mini version of Banff's Fairmont Springs and, like that hotel, dominates the surrounding skyline. It's a beautiful hotel and perfectly situated. Other options downtown include the Sheraton Cavalier and The James Hotel, the city's first boutique hotel.

TRAVEL NOTES BUSINESS MIXERS, CUBA CLIMES & BIG BOATS

Travel trend
Twenty Residence Inns by Marriott across Canada (and more than 700 in the U.S.) are rolling out a new social program designed to keep young, solo business travellers from feeling isolated while on the road. Mixer events will centre on barbecues, local food trucks, firepits and beer sponsors. Visit residenceinn.marriott.com.

Cuba goodness
If you've never been before, consider a visit to Cuba before the revived friendship with the U.S. changes it forever. You need to experience the frayed-at-the-edges beauty, the vintage cars and the impeccable beaches before they're a thing of the past. Trend-watchers are also predicting an increase in the price of an average week there. Go to VisitCuba.com.

Biggest cruiser
Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas, scheduled to launch May 2016, will unofficially be the world's largest cruise ship, carrying 5,479 passengers at double occupancy. Along with robot bartenders and Broadway productions, the ship will feature its own Central Park, with thousands of trees and a boardwalk. Book now at RoyalCaribbean.com.
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Hawkins feels 'ready to go'

LIONS

Ex-NFL receiver upgraded to one-game injured list

Cam Tucker
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Lavelle Hawkins turns over his left forearm to reveal a lengthy and noticeable scar. It's the result of surgery following a fracture suffered on the first day of B.C. Lions training camp more than two months ago.

"Isn't that pretty?" said Hawkins, pointing to the scar that runs lengthwise down his forearm.

While the beginning of his CFL career — Hawkins signed with the Leos as an international receiver in March after six years in the NFL, the bulk of which were spent with the Tennessee Titans — got off to an unlucky start, things appear like they're pointing upward for the Stockton, Calif., product.

Hawkins, whose best NFL season came with the Titans in 2011 when he caught 47 passes for 470 yards and one touchdown, has been moved from the six-game injured list to the one-game injured list, in a roster move announced shortly after Leos practice wrapped up Thursday in Surrey.

He's been back on the practice field for a while now and was once again taking reps during Thursday's sun-drenched session in Surrey.

"It's challenging, a little bit," he said of his comeback.

"But, you know, that's life. Life is ups and downs. You've just got to endure them and stay ready."

His past connections played important roles in convincing Hawkins to give the CFL a shot. He played for California-Berkley under Jeff Tedford, now the Lions head coach, and grew up as best friends with former Lions returner Tim Brown, who was released prior to training camp only to sign with the Calgary Stampeders a few weeks later.

Brown is now sitting second in the CFL with 708 combined return yards. Meanwhile, Hawkins is still working to get back into game action with the Leos.

"He'd have to be in game shape and he's working himself into that right now," said Tedford.

Hawkins can be used as a receiver, but also in the return game, where he posted impressive numbers in college and has experience in similar situations in the NFL.

"I'm definitely healthy and ready to go," he said. "Whenever my number is called."

WEEK 8

Leos rumble into Hamilton to face Ticats

The B.C. Lions, looking to get back above the .500 mark and keep pace in the West Division, are on the road to face the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Saturday.

The Ticats have never lost at Tim Hortons Field since it opened last season.

Meanwhile, the Lions are looking to keep momentum on their side, after holding the Edmonton Eskimos off the scoreboard for the entire second half last week and completing another comeback victory to improve their record under head coach Jeff Tedford to 3-3.

Lavelle Hawkins' best season in the NFL came with the Tennessee Titans in 2011 when he racked up 470 receiving yards. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CANUCKS

'Skate' logo to return for one game

The Vancouver Canucks will bring back arguably their most popular logo in franchise history for one night only next season, team president Trevor Linden confirmed Thursday.

Linden made the announcement on TSN 1040 radio that the Canucks were bringing back the famed black "skate" throwback jerseys for their Feb. 13 contest against the Toronto Maple Leafs, as the team celebrates its 20th season at Rogers Arena, formerly known as General Motors Place when it first opened in 1995.

The Canucks, with Linden as their captain, wore those jerseys during the 1990s, which includes the most storied season in the franchise's NHL history, which came in 1994 when they made it to Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final.

That year, the Canucks defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs in the conference final to advance to the championship series.

Linden addressed a number of Canucks topics during a two-hour segment on TSN 1040 radio, including the retirement of defenceman Sami Salo, who played nine seasons in Vancouver, from 2002 to 2012.

Linden said Salo and his family will be moving back to Vancouver, and the president didn't rule out the possibility of the hard-shooting Finnish defenceman joining the Canucks organization in some capacity in the future.

"We'll see, for sure. Obviously check in with him and see where he's at and what he's thinking and whether that's a feed or not," said Linden.

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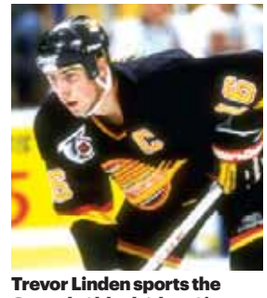

Trevor Linden sports the Canucks' black 'skate' jersey in 1991. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL

Eskimos beat Als in defensive battle

Grant Shaw kicked a last-second field goal as the Edmonton Eskimos posted a 15-12 comeback victory over the Montreal Alouettes in a defensive CFL battle Thursday night.

Shaw, who had missed three earlier attempts, was good from 28 yards. Edmonton (5-2), which blew a 13-point lead last week at B.C., came back from a 12-0 deficit to beat Montreal (2-5).

The Alouettes have lost three in a row. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Alouettes' Rakeem Cato, left, is tackled by the Eskimos' Odell Willis on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

CFL, NFL add King-Devick concussion exams

The CFL and NFL have teamed up to add a two-minute test to standard sideline examinations for suspected concussions, with the aim of quickly determining whether a player should be pulled from the field or can safely return to play. The King-Devick test involves rapidly reading aloud lines of irregularly spaced, non-sequential numbers on flip cards or smartphone/tablet apps.

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PARAPAN AM GAMES

Canada wins more gold at track, pool

Canada continued its successful run at the Parapan American Games on Thursday with multiple gold medals in the pool and on the track.

Wheelchair racer Brent Lakatos of Dorval, Que., won his second gold medal of the Games, taking first place in the T53 800-metre race. Kyle Whitehouse of St. Catharines, Ont., added a gold medal in the men's T38 200.

Canadian swimmers added 10 medals to their impressive haul, including golds by Aurelie Rivard of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., in the women's S10 100-metre backstroke and Sarah Mehain of Vernon, B.C., in the women's S7 50 butterfly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rivard's gold medal on Thursday was her fifth of the Games.

Jays crank up the volume

MLB

Dome amped up for Yankees after winning streak goes to 11

Blue Jays lefty Mark Buehrle doesn't throw 90 m.p.h., he doesn't lead the league in strikeouts and he isn't a power pitcher.

Yet he's respected by teammates and beloved by fans as much as any pitcher in Toronto right now. And if there was an example as to why, it came in Thursday's 4-2 afternoon win over Oakland before 46,902 at the Rogers Centre.

Buehrle didn't have his so-called "best stuff." He worked out of two early jams and fought past two comebackers — one off his right hand, the other his left forearm — to last into the eighth inning on a day he probably should have been gone long before that.

The fans gave him a standing ovation when he exited the game two batters into the eighth. They knew he not only out matched a very good A's starter in Jesse Chavez and a pesky hitting lineup, but he was pitching on an extra days' rest due to some wear and tear on his 15-year veteran body.

They also know that in sweeping Oakland and pushing their winning streak to 11 games, Buehrle's afternoon was all about leadership, the kind that makes such winning streaks possible.

Mark Buehrle got his 13th win on this season with Dioner Navarro putting down signs on Thursday in Toronto. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY In Toronto

BLUE JAYS	ATHLETICS
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"It's always a fun day when he's on the mound ... he's a magician out there, always has been," said Jays shortstop Ryan Goins, who smacked a three-run homer as part of a four-run second inning that gave Buehrle (13-5) all the support he'd need.

Buehrle noticed the show of respect from the fans, who rose in unison when Jays manager John Gibbons took him from the game after 95 pitches.

"Gibby stepped out of the dugout and I wasn't even looking, then I heard the fans and they were going crazy before he got to me ... that was amazing," Buehrle said.

16

Jays starters have allowed three or fewer earned runs in 16 straight outings — their best such streak since a run of 18 games in 1991.

The leadership he sets is well-known; he's been instrumental in Marcus Stroman's introduction to the big leagues and has influenced every young pitcher to come through the Toronto clubhouse since he was acquired in the massive 2013 trade with Florida. For the first time since that trade, the Jays are contenders for the division lead. They've won 14 of 15 since the all-star break to overtake the Yankees for the division lead.

In an example of his leadership, Buehrle changed the channel on the clubhouse TV's last week when they began showing Yankee telecasts.

"It's Aug. 12 and I know some players are scoreboard watching, but I don't think we need it on in our clubhouse, watching every single game the Yankees play," Buehrle said "If it's the last week of the season, then it's a different story. But it's Aug. 12, turn on something else."

Buehrle leads by example on the mound as well. He'd loaded the bases on a walk and a pair of singles on the first three batters of the game, part of it set up by a fly ball centre fielder Kevin Pillar lost in the sun. But Buehrle coaxed a double play ball out of ex-Jay Danny Valencia, who had been on a tear since being picked up by Oakland after being waived by the Jays.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Put me on record: We're not going to win the rest of the games here on out."

Mark Buehrle provides some perspective

IN BRIEF

Murray into Rogers Cup quarter-finals in Montreal

Second seed Andy Murray was too much for Luxembourg's Gilles Muller, winning 6-3, 6-2 on Thursday afternoon in the third round of the Rogers Cup men's tournament.

The Scotsman broke the 46th-ranked Muller four times during the 65-minute match. On match point, Murray served up an ace to advance to the quarter-finals where he will face either defending champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga or Bernard Tomic.

Earlier in the day, world No. 1 Novak Djokovic beat American Jack Sock in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

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Johnson off to another strong start at major

Dustin Johnson doesn't appear to be bothered by anything — not his close calls in the majors and not a bad memory from Whistling Straits five years ago.

He just keeps playing great golf.

Johnson burst out to the early lead Thursday in the PGA Championship with five birdies and an eagle. It added up to a 6-under 66.

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- 4 slices thinly cut prosciutto
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 tsp Sriracha or other hot sauce (to taste)
- 1 cup arugula or baby spinach
- 4 slices tomato
- 4 hamburger buns

Directions
1. In a bowl, add beef, egg, ketchup, bread crumbs, garlic, salt and pepper, sun-dried tomatoes and Parmesan cheese. Mix well and make four burgers.
2. Wrap each burger with a slice of prosciutto. Either grill or bake burgers at 400 F., just until no longer pink, about 10 minutes.
3. Combine mayonnaise and Sriracha. Spread over bottom half of bun. Add arugula, tomato, burger, and top with bun.

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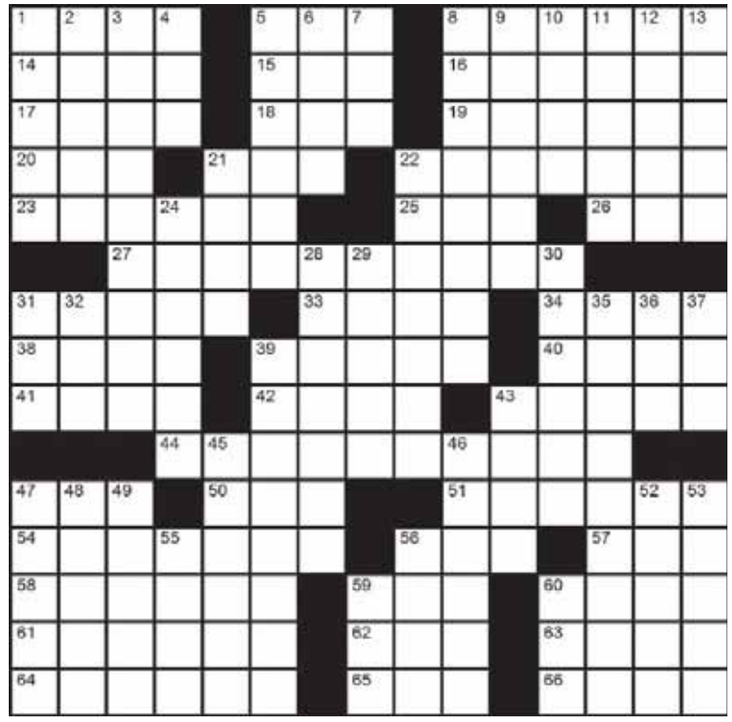

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59. Celeb's scarf
60. Wows
61. Make numb, as pain
62. Tuber serving
63. Twisted
64. Compounds in perfume
65. Pre-1868 Tokyo band from Victoria)
66. Bohemian

DOWN
1. Ms. Blair
2. Detached in manner
3. Regarding the 1885 comic opera at #54-Across... Music: Arthur Sullivan (b.1842 - d.1900) - Book and Lyrics: _._. _ (b.1836 - d.1911)
4. Keanu's 'Matrix' role
5. One of Maine's northern neighbours
6. Australian boots
7. "Really?" remarks
8. Jets _ (Canadian
9. 'Mother' who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize
10. King Lear genre, briefly
11. Type of tea from India
12. Imagines, archaically
13. Supplement: 2 wds.
21. "Walk Like _ _" by The Four Seasons
22. Sort of like Shrek [var. sp.]
24. Trojan hero
28. Commercial transport charge
29. 10 cent pieces
30. Prettily plumed parrots
31. Snazzy stone
32. Fib
35. Grass-cutting machine: 2 wds.
36. Four-stringed instr.
37. Ms. Streep, to pals
39. Light bulb types
43. Verses writer
45. "Star Trek" weapon
46. Go-getter
47. Dodge
48. Mosquito attacks
49. Lamb sound
52. Function/happening
53. Wicked
55. Put cargo on board
56. Marsh creature
59. "Cheerio."
60. Camel hair garment

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be adventurous and start something new. However, make sure that you have prepared the ground thoroughly. Leave nothing to chance.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may be a bit irritable with certain people, but try not to let it get to you. Forget about the little things and focus on the bigger picture. Petty people and petty annoyances are not worth the time or effort.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today's new moon will make it easy for you to get your point of view across. However, you would be wise to spell things out as simply as possible. Not everyone sees as clearly as you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Where money and business are concerned it is essential that you meet others halfway. Also, don't think you can promise something today and wriggle out of it tomorrow: if you fail to deliver your reputation will suffer.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are able to see things clearly and communicate effectively. But that does not mean you can take everything others tell you at face value. You may be honest but are they?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may feel a bit downbeat at the moment but it's quite natural for you at this time of year. It would be surprising if you were the life and soul of every party.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You fear something because you don't understand it. Today's new moon will help you to overcome fear by finding out more about what is causing you so much anxiety.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A new moon in the career area of your chart will make you even more ambitious. However, before you make any major moves you would be wise to check facts and figures.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Any doubts you have had about what you should be doing with your life will disappear today. At last you know which road you should be following and how to make your life both more secure and more exciting.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There may be no end of interesting things going on but you must block them from your mind today and focus on the one thing that means something to you. Everything else is a distraction.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't let colleagues focusing on your bad points provoke you. Chances are they want to start a fight because they think it will benefit them. Don't play that game.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Why are you still holding back? You fear you may upset people whose support you have always depended on in the past. The simple fact is you no longer need them.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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